

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN FCA-SW DRIVING EVENTS

EVENT PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES Article By Tino Mingori

Single or multiple day

driving/touring events are some of the most popular activities offered by FCA-SW. In order to maintain a high level of enjoyment and safety for participants, FCA-SW has adopted the following guidelines for these events.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1. Driving events on public roads are regarded as touring events. "Extreme driving", racing and/or other forms of unsafe driving are not acceptable and cannot be tolerated. Participants who engage in unsafe driving will be asked to leave the event. The determination of whether unsafe driving has occurred shall be made by the event organizer. His or her decision may not be challenged. Organizers are required to report unsafe driving infractions to the FCA-SW Board at the meeting following the event. After appropriate review, the Board is empowered to suspend the offender's privilege of participating in future driving events.
- 2. All participants, both drivers and passengers, must sign Release of Liability forms. These forms will be available at the start of the drive. Participants will also be asked to confirm that they have received a copy of this document, i.e., "INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN FCA-SW DRIVING EVENTS."
- 3. In general, maps and/or instructions describing the driving route are handed out at the starting point on the day of the event. Directions to the starting point and other needed information will be sent out in advance.
- 4. All drivers should be prepared to show a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
- 5. Participants are responsible for ensuring that their vehicles are mechanically sound and roadworthy.
- 6. Participants are encouraged to drive at a pace they regard as comfortable. Those seeking a slower pace should position themselves towards the rear of the group. Those wishing to pass should so indicate by flashing their headlights. Those being passed may indicate that it is safe to pass by extending a hand out the driver's side window and signaling. Responsibility for making a safe pass lies with the driver in the passing vehicle.
- 7. Due to the requirements of our insurance coverage, "Tagalong" participants are not permitted. All participants must be officially registered for the event.
- 8. Participants should make all arrangements through the event organizer. Participants should not contact hotels, restaurants, etc. directly, unless there is a specific reason to do so and the organizer authorizes such contact.

9. FCA Members value their privacy. Photos of participants and vehicles (including license plates) must not be posted on the web or in other publications without permission. An exception is that photos selected by the organizers may be published in the Club magazine *Sempre Ferrari*.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- 1. If a participant pulls to the side of the road and stops, he or she should immediately signal as follows:
 - a. Thumb up everything is ok. No need for anyone else to stop.
 - b. Thumb down there is a problem-please stop to help.

In the second case at a minimum the last car should stop to render aid and, if possible, call ahead to inform the lead car.

- 2. If there is a break down or minor problem, the last car in line should stay with the disabled car and render assistance. Others in a position to help may also stop, but once the situation is under control they should continue on.
- 3. If there is an accident or serious problem, anyone who can render specific assistance (medical, traffic control etc.) may also stay with the disabled car.
- 4. Those who are not involved in rendering aid should proceed with the lead car (or other designated car) to the next stop, a safe location or the end of the drive. DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADWAY.
- 5. If any driver damages private property with his or her vehicle, he or she should leave contact information at the scene and advise the event organizer.

FCA & OUR COMMUNITY

As proud FCA members, it is in our best interest to leave a good impression in our communities and the venues to which we travel.

With the tightening of financial budgets and general public perceptions - many venues are being more selective regarding whom they allow to use their facilities.

We ask that all members obey and respect not only the rules/disciplines of the FCA, but those of the properties/ venues we visit and the roads we travel.

Respect, Conduct and Safety make the difference between being welcomed back or turned away. Help us in maintaining a conduct level in which sponsors/venues will welcome us and want to sponsor our activities.

These Guidelines are also available online at: www.fca-sw.org. **SF**